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Judge Kolar Kottely
U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division
601 D Street, N.W., Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Judge Kottely,

I am writing to express my opinion as a consumer in the case of the U.S. Department of Justice and state attorneys general versus Microsoft.

This case has been loitering and squandering our hard-earned tax funds for long enough. As a consumer of Microsoft products, I do not feel cheated by the company. Even in the limited number and size of computer stores here in Des Moines, we have a choice in brands of spreadsheets, operating systems, and word processors. When setting up Internet access on a new computer, there was always the choice between Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer as a web browser.

This case came about for the protection of consumers. Yet, we as taxpayers are more concerned about spending tax money to pursue this case than we ever were about Microsoft being a monopoly. Please give thoughtful consideration to settling this case quickly.

Thank You,

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